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**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
of the  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**March 6, 2008  
Minutes**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.

**Members Present**

Barnes, Christine	City of La Palma
Bayer, Anne	Gateway Cities
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Cortes, Bea	SANBAG
Edney, Jon ( <b>Chair</b> )	City of El Centro/IVAG
Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
McCallon, Larry ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> )	City of Highland
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
McSweeney, Susan	Las Virgenes/Malibu COG
Mitchell, John D.	SANBAG
Morehouse, Carl	Ventura/VCOG
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Nunez, John H.	SGVCOG
Olhasso, Laura	Arroyo Verdugo
Ring, Bob	OCCOG
Robertson, Deborah	City of Rialto

**Members Not Present**

Dubois, Diana	Gateway Cities
Garcia, Joe G.	SGVCOG
Jahn, Bill	SANBAG
Jeffra, Jim	Lancaster
Lee, Laura	Gateway Cities
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
Malsin, Scott	Westside Cities COG

### **Members Not Present (Continued)**

Mosca, Joseph	SGVCOG
Palmer, Jim	OCCOG
Perry, Jan	Los Angeles
Reyes, Ed	Los Angeles
Serrano, Joseph	Gateway Cities
White, Charles	WRCOG

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Hon. Jon Edney, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:50 AM and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were eight public comments submitted, all pertaining to Agenda Item 5.1, 2008 RTP Growth Forecast. Those comments are noted below as the item was presented.

### **3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no agenda reprioritizations.

### **4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **4.1 Approval Item**

##### **4.1.1 Minutes of February 7, 2008 Meeting**

A MOTION was made (Jasper) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Coerper) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

### **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

#### **5.1 2008 RTP Growth Forecast**

John Fregonese, Fregonese Associates, presented an overview of the Baseline Forecast and the Growth Policy Forecast. Mr. Fregonese explained that the Baseline was prepared from general plans and local input based on a technical trend methodology while the Policy Growth Forecast was intended to demonstrate CEHD policies and direction, as well as go beyond the Baseline and demonstrate the benefits of implementation of the policies after 2014. Mr. Fregonese emphasized that neither forecast was ever intended to be a land use plan. He then summarized the comparative performance benefits of the Policy Growth Forecast to the baseline, noting there are substantial improvements, i.e., a 20 million reduction in VMT and 125,000 additional transit boardings with the Policy Growth Forecast. Mr. Fregonese outlined the three Growth Forecast Options, A, B, and C, and the nine policies and strategies on which the Draft Policy Growth Forecast was founded.

Lynn Harris, SCAG staff, presented a letter from the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), signed by Interim Executive Director, Dennis Wilberg, supporting Option C.

Hon. Jon Edney introduced the public comment segment.

Nancy Pfeffer, representing Gateway Cities COG, referenced a written communication on file and spoke in favor of Option C.

Miles Mitchell, representing the City of Los Angeles, referenced a written communication on file and expressed concern that the City's planning department has not had time to assess the impact of the policy growth forecast data set, and that it may be inconsistent with the City's community plans, i.e., population shifts without corresponding increases in transportation funding. Mr. Mitchell also expressed concern that the RTP embodies the policy growth forecast so that it would then become the adopted forecast and not advisory or voluntary as presently written. Mr. Mitchell stated that the City would support Option C, and would accept Option B, if it referred to the general principles of the policy growth forecast, and not include the data set.

Catherine McMillan, representing CVAG, stated that Option A could not be supported because of concerns of shifting household units from inland to coastal regions. She stated that CVAG would support Option C, and would accept Option B, only if growth visioning is in an advisory capacity with the general principles.

Kevin Viera, representing WRCOG, stated that Option A would not be supported by WRCOG because of a large shift of household units from their region to coastal regions, which would impact their fee program. Mr. Viera stated that WRCOG supports Option C and would support Option B with modifications.

Peter Herzog, the Mayor Pro Tem of Lake Forest, representing OCCOG, referenced the written communication recorded earlier in the meeting, and its strong support for Option C. Mr. Herzog objected to Option A, due to its proposed development in FAA restricted growth areas and natural conservancy areas.

Gail Shiomoto-Lohr, representing OCCOG, reiterated OCCOG's written communication and Mayor Pro Tem Peter Herzog's support of Option C. Ms. Shiomoto-Lohr expressed concerns with Option A, particularly with the errors in the growth forecast that would need to be corrected before the growth forecast would be considered as a reasonable vision for the future.

Deborah Diep, representing Cal State Fullerton, spoke in favor of Option C. Ms. Diep stated that the best course of action would be to adopt the baseline forecast

and in terms of the policy forecast, the policies should be adopted, but not the data set.

Michael Litschi, representing OCTA, stated that OCTA's Board of Directors voted unanimously to support Option C.

Ms. Harris presented a clarification relative to Option B, saying it does not include a data set for the policy growth forecast, but instead includes only those nine policy and strategy statements that were approved by the CEHD committee in August 2007 and outlined on pages 88 and 89 of the Draft RTP. She further stated that in terms of the data sets, Option B and Option C use the same data set, the only difference is inclusion of the Statement of Policies and Strategies.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director for SCAG, stated that there should have been more time allotted after the workshops to come back to the cities and get their feedback with respect to the Draft Policy Growth Forecast. Mr. Ikhata stated that in the future, staff will develop a further process to gather additional input from the cities and work with them to develop the scenarios.

Hon. Edney, Chair, stated that he supports Option B, and said that he believes the Committee would concur as long as only the Baseline data set is included.

A MOTION was made (Mitchell) for Option B to adopt the Draft Baseline Growth Forecast for the 2008 RTP with a statement of advisory land use policies and strategies. These policies and strategies will be based upon the August 2007 action by CEHD, and as reflected on pages 8 and 9 of the March 6, 2008 staff report. Further, the RTP will include language that the policies and strategies shall be advisory only. The MOTION was SECONDED (Fesmire) and the Chair called for discussion.

A brief discussion ensued between Committee members and the Executive Director, resulting in a proposed amendment to the motion by Laura Olhasso directing staff to undertake a review and "clean-up" of both the baseline and the policy data sets after the RTP is adopted, as an ongoing effort among SCAG, the subregions and cities to make sure there are no mistakes.

Chair Edney inquired if the maker and second of the original MOTION were in agreement with the AMENDMENT. Members Mitchell and Fesmire agreed to the AMENDMENT. The MOTION, as amended, was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to direct staff to continue working with the local jurisdictions and the subregions after approval of the RTP by the Regional Council to develop the policy growth forecast as an advisory guide for those who wish to voluntarily consider implementation of the Statement of Policies and

Strategies and for the Compass Blueprint effort. The MOTION was SECONDED (Barnes), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**5.2    2008 Regional Champion Award**

Hon. Edney, requested that the Committee consider the nomination of Dr. John Husing as the nominee for the 2008 Regional Champion Award, in accordance with the suggestion of Mayor Ron Loveridge at the last meeting. A MOTION was made (Jasper) to nominate Dr. Husing as the CEHD nominee. The MOTION was SECONDED (Lantz) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**6.0    INFORMATION ITEMS**

**6.1    SB 375 (Steinberg) – Summary of Legislative Development**

The Chair recommended moving this item to a future agenda. There was no objection.

**7.0    CHAIR'S REPORT**

**8.0    STAFF REPORT**

**9.0    FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee requested that previously scheduled items such as the Housing Summit Report, Fiscalization of Land Use, SB 375, RCP Schedule and Status Report, and discussion of the demonstration project selection process return on future agendas.

**10.0   ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**11.0   ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Edney adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Minutes Approved By:

  
Lynn Harris, Manager  
Community Development

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Member (Including Ex-Officio)		X = County Represented										X = Attended					= No Meeting NM = New Member EA = Excused Absence											
Last Name, First Name	Representing	IC	LA	OC	RC	SS	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec									
Barnes, Christine*	La Palma			X				X		X																		
Bayer, Anne	Gateway Cities		X						X	X																		
Cooper, Gil	Huntington Beach			X				EA	X	X																		
Cortes-Moore, Bea	SANBAG					X				NM																		
Dubois, Diane	Gateway Cities		X					X	X																			
Edney, Jon* - Chair	El Centro	X						X	X	X																		
Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG				X			X	X	X																		
Garcia, Joe G.	SGVCOG		X					X																				
Jahn, Bill	SANBAG				X			NM	X																			
Jasper, Timothy*	Apple Valley					X			X	X																		
Lantz, Paula*	Pomona		X					EA	X	X																		
Lee, Laura	Gateway Cities		X																									
Lovendge, Ronald*	Riverside				X			X	X																			
Malsin, D. Scott	Westside Cities COG		X					X	X																			
McCallon, Larry* - Vice-Chair	Highland					X			X	X																		
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG			X				X	X	X																		
McSweeney, Susan	Las Virgenes/Malibu COG		X							NM																		
Mitchell, John D.	SANBAG				X			NM	X	X																		
Morehouse, Carl*	Ventura/VCOG						X	X	X	X																		
Mosca, Joseph	SGVCOG		X					X																				
Norby, Chris*	Orange County			X						X																		
Nowatka, Paul*	Torrance		X						X	X																		
Nunez, John H.	SGVCOG		X					X	X	X																		
Olhasso, Laura	Arroyo Verdugo		X					X	X	X																		
Palmer, Jim	OCCOG			X																								
Perry, Jan*	Los Angeles		X																									
Reyes, Ed*	Los Angeles		X																									
Ring, Bob	OCCOG			X				X	X	X																		
Robertson, Deborah*	Rialto					X		X		X																		
Serrano, Joseph	Gateway Cities		X																									
White, Charles	WRCOG				X			X	EA																			

\*Regional Council Member